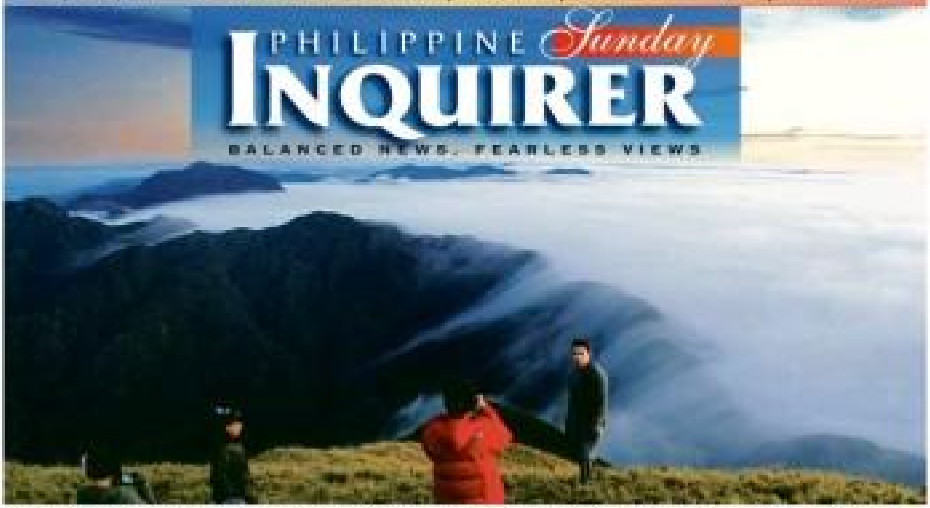
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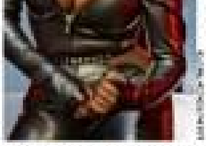
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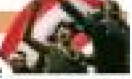
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Mandaluyong mayor's top aide shot dead

By Kristine Felisse Mangunay

THE CHIEF political officer of Mandaluyong City, Jomdito S. Torres, was shot dead by an unidentified gunman on Friday night, shortly after his birthday dinner.

Torres, who turned 47 yesterday, was shot twice in the head by a lone and still unidentified gunman who approached his car along [illegible] Drive in Mandaluyong, in front of [illegible] Printing and Internet Café, at 9:45 p.m., police said.

He was rushed to the Mandaluyong City Medical Center and later to the University of Santo Tomas hospital in Manila where he died at 12:45 a.m. on Feb. 5.

With mayor 16 years

Torres had been a close associate of Mandaluyong Mayor Benhur Abalos for the past 16 years.

City officials described him as a "kindhearted" man who "had no known enemies."

Torres was the chief political strategist of Abalos since the latter first entered politics as a city councilor in 1995.

"Torres was the brains behind the mayor's political programs up until his death," Jimmy Isidro, the city's chief public information officer, said.

Senior Supt. Armando Bolalin, Mandaluyong chief of police, told the Inquirer that Torres was inside his gray Toyota Previa with the driver's side window rolled down when the gunman shot him.

Gunman walked casually

Witnesses said the gunman walked casually toward the victim, fired two shots, then ran across the street toward a parked motorcycle, mounted it and sped away.

A barangay official who witnessed the incident gave chase but lost the fleeing suspect on the bridge leading to Makati.

Witnesses and Torres was still able to back up his vehicle but hit a lamppost.

He was rushed to the Mandaluyong City Medical Center where doctors worked to stabilize his blood pressure. The absence of a neurosurgeon at the hospital at the time prompted Torres' transfer to the UST hospital, where he died just over an hour after he was admitted.

Bolalin said police were exploring all possible motives in the killing, but he ruled out carnapping as a motive.

Crime scene was busy

"The vehicle was still there. If you were a car thief, you would have told the driver to get off, and then taken the vehicle," Bolalin said.

He said the crime was committed "boldly" as the crime scene was a busy area and was adequately lighted at the time.

Police recovered two empty slugs from Torres' vehicle. "We have submitted them to the crime lab," Bolalin said.

Abalos appeals to P-Noy

Abalos condemned the "brazen" killing of Torres.

In a statement, the mayor appealed to President Aquino and other government officials concerned to do their best to solve the spate of killings in the metropolis. He issued a directive to the city police to specifically exhaust all their efforts to arrest Torres' killer.

Call to rat on superiors won't undermine AFP—Palace

By Norman Bordadora and Jeffrey M. Tupas
Inquirer Mindanao

MALACAÑANG yesterday allayed fears that its call for ordinary soldiers to squeal on corrupt superior officers would undermine the military chain of command.

According to Communications and Strategic Planning Secretary Ricky Carandang, a grievance system that is already in place to address the allegations of graft has not done any harm to the military hierarchy.

"This process has long been in place and if it did not undermine the hierarchy in the last five years, I don't see why it would undermine the hierarchy today," Carandang told reporters [illegible].

Carandang also disputed former Commodore Rex Robles' allegations that the congressional hearings on former military comptroller Carlos Garcia's plea bargain deal and military corruption had turned into a witch hunt.

"I don't know if you can call it a witch hunt. There is a lot of useful information coming out of these hearings," Carandang said.

Without the hearings, the public wouldn't have been aware of what the late military budget officer Lt. Col. George Rabusa, former state auditor Heidi Mendoza and Lt. Col. Antonio Lim had to say about the extent of corruption in the Armed Forces of the Philippines, he said.

"With their revelations, of course there'll be those who would be implicated. But for me, it's actually a good thing because the public will see the reason why this administration opposes the plea bargain deal with General Garcia," Carandang said.

In Davao City, the National Democratic Front (NDF), the political arm of the Communist Party of the Philippines, said it was ordinary foot soldiers who were the direct victims of corruption in the military.

George Madlos, NDF spokesperson for Mindanao, however, said the revelations made by Rabusa and Mendoza were just the tip of the problem.

"There are still more, such as malfeasance involving the AFPSLAI (AFP Savings and Loan Association, Inc.), the Citizens Armed Force Geographical Unit, the Balik-Baril Program, anomalous procurement contracts, and many other sources of kickbacks and commissions kept fresh by the generals and other top officials of the government," Madlos said.

He said "Even soldiers bore the brunt of these corrupt practices."

More often than not, the salaries and subsistence of soldiers were delayed. When that happens, the soldiers become violent, Madlos said.

More of all, "soldiers in the frontlines are shortchanged with low-quality combat supplies and inadequate food rations," Madlos said.

He also alleged that generals receive [illegible] money from multinational companies engaged in mining, logging and agri-business plantations.

Because they get money from these companies, "generals could conveniently order for clearing operations to satisfy the demands of mining and plantation firms," he said.

Solons ink resolution backing Egyptians

By Cynthia D. Balana

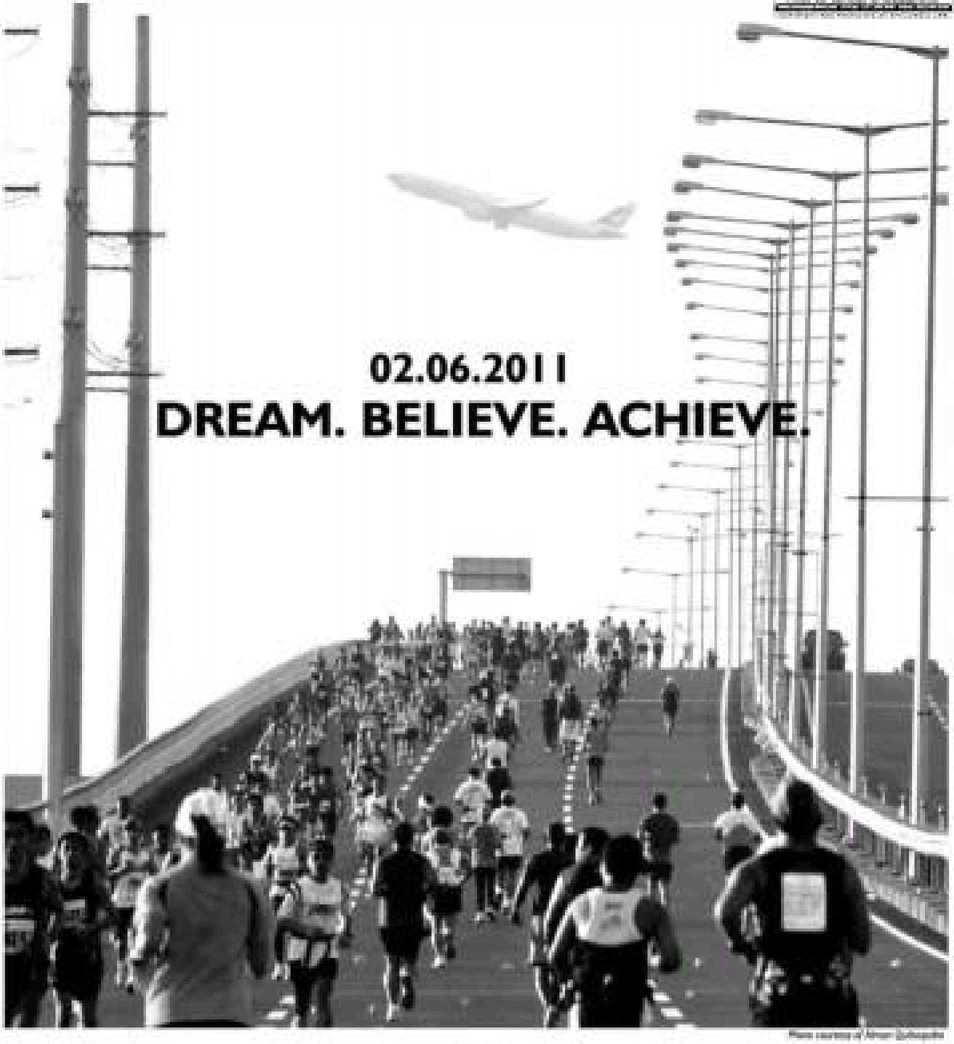
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Pinoys fleeing Egypt start arriving today

By DJ Yap and Marlon Ramos





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I'll appear at probe for you, Heidi tells supporters

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Censors chief names new MTRCB members

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

THERE'S good news and bad news.

Mary Grace Poe-Llamanzares, chair of the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB), has announced the appointment of the body's new board members.

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She described her board as a "good mix."

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"We are grateful to President Aquino for his support and unbiased approval of the new board," Llamanzares said.

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Logging ban stays

PRESIDENT Aquino won't give in to calls to reconsider Executive Order No. 23 instituting a nationwide moratorium on logging activities.

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SOLD OUT Foxy and fit in a sci-fi black leather outfit, Jackson performs an all-hits repertoire.





BALLADS REVEALED Janet Jackson was not lip-synching her songs.

Janet sings soundtrack of her Pinoy fans' lives

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has been away from the limelight for quite a long while?

Perhaps that was the reason, too, Filipinos missed Janet. Or watching her would be the closest thing to experiencing, once more, the magical work of that talented family of performers—The Jacksons—whose most famous member, Michael, died under tragic circumstances in 2009.

But Janet, the youngest of eight siblings, struggled to get out of the shadow of The Jacksons to prove her worth.

Here in 1994

She was successful in doing so—releasing albums that topped the Billboard chart, and becoming the highest paid female recording artist in contemporary music at one point.

Most of her songs apparently formed the soundtrack of many of her Filipino fans' growing up years, including that of a 33-year-old doctor who came alone and gave us a running commentary of his intimate knowledge of Janet's life and music during the concert.

"She was here in '94, at the Folk Arts Theater," the doctor recalled. "It was jampacked, and she was good."

Seventeen years later, here was Janet, looking foxy and fit like she just stepped out of a sci-fi thriller movie set in her body-hugging black leather outfit.

Economy of movement

At age 44 she showed it was not difficult to sing and dance, even while wearing high heels. How? Through wise economy of movement. She knew better than to try to outdo Beyonce or Britney Spears, without necessarily looking scared-stiff. This she did by sticking close to the simple but still snappy choreography of her act, which recalled the original moves in her 1980s-era music videos, done for her by the then still unknown Paula Abdul.

As for singing live, Janet could not be accused of lip-synching, although there must have been a vocal enhancer in her microphone to maintain consistency while she danced. The presence of three excellent backing singers likewise ensured that the vocals would match the power of the music.

Bolstered by a live band (aided, of course, by programmed beats), the music electrified the crowd, its rhythms thrumming like something moving.

Rock 'n' roll bliss

Against that backdrop and assisted by a company of multiracial dancers, Janet ruled the stage. The songs came in short versions, some arranged in medley form, but all sounded great, just like in the records.

It was an all-hits experience, with the crowd yelling like mad upon hearing the first bars of "What Have You Done For Me Lately," "Nasty," "Miss You Much," "Escapade," "When I Think of You," among others.

The ballads revealed Janet was indeed not lip-synching at all, even exhibiting vocal sensitivity amid the sexual overtones of the message in "Let's Wait Awhile."

There were some moments that dragged: videos of some of her movies and clips of her past pictorials that were obviously shown to allow Janet to do her costume changes.

But when the music resumed, it was hard not to be swept up by the energy. "Black Cat" engulfed us in rock 'n' roll bliss, the band's lead guitarist shredding the notes while Janet knelt and undulated in front of him.

When "Rhythm Nation" came on, the spectacle of a theatrical performance unfolded, Janet and company moving to the song's martial beat in perfect cadence.

"Most of those songs had Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis as producers," whispered my seatmate, the doctor.

Yes, we nodded.

"Jimmy Jam, he was Janet's ex," added the doctor.

Everyone was up on their feet and bobbing like one joyous tribe as the last song, "Together Again," played.

VIPs

Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima was spotted swaying his head with his arms around his wife Cristy; Ida Ramos was dancing like she was still in "Footloose"; and Joel Cruz of Aficionado Perfumes was waving at Janet like he would miss her terribly the moment she got off the stage.

The morning after, the doctor would probably be back at his job saving lives. But last Friday night, he was living it up as a Janet Jackson fan.

Death toll rises to 15 in floods, slides

Drug firms pledge P50M for victims of disasters

By Philip C. Tubeza

10M signatures sought to stop Palawan mining

By Kristine L. Alave

Across the NATION

Solons hit plan to stop ARMM polls

LAWMAKERS are up in arms over moves to postpone elections in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) this August as it would illegally extend the terms of sitting officials in the autonomous region.

Postponed 8 times

Political circus



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San Pablo bishop launches campaign vs RH bill

US continues processing of WW II veteran claims

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Cops admit car thieves quicker than police units

'Some syndicates are able to sell stolen vehicles in four days ...'

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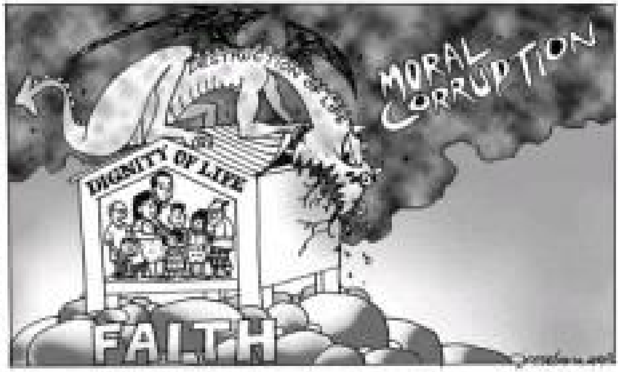
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Save Sierra Madre, save forests

Casualties, destruction







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Prayer

Paradigm shift



Longest mountain range

Place in history

Top cop named; intelligence report tags Rosales





Yes, Virginia, there are clean, odor-free government hospitals



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Underwater damage increasing, warn scientists

By Tarra Quismundo

CLIMATE CHANGE has clearly wrought damage on land resources. Less obvious but of equal concern is the damage it is causing underwater, warn marine scientists.

Marine scientists in the Philippines said they have detected abnormal rises in coastal temperatures in some areas over the past two years which could affect coral reefs—and their ability to protect coastal areas from storm surges.

A government-funded project tagged ICE CREAM (Integrated Coastal Enhancement: Climate Research, Environment and Adaptive Management) has monitored rising water temperatures, coral bleaching and coastal erosion in several of its 26 project sites dotting the Philippine coastline.

The P[illegible]-million project, now on its third year, is funded by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) with support from the World Wildlife Fund and Conservation International. It involves 68 researchers, including 17 marine science experts, some of whom shared their initial findings with the Inquirer.

"Something that is not visible is much more difficult to understand. It (the sea) is much more prone to being dismissed by saying, 'No, there's still a lot of fish,'" said Wilfredo Campos, a marine biologist from the University of the Philippines Visayas.

"You don't really see what's happening. You see landslides, you see what's happening in the forest, but at sea you really don't know what's happening," Campos said in an interview yesterday.

Added Porfirio Aliño, marine biologist from the UP Marine Science Institute: "The climate is always changing, (but) we see it in relation to whether or not it's going to be more frequent or accelerated. The farmers like it from an integrated look."

"Climate has changed in evolutionary times. But (during those times) there were no people yet. Now climate change has a big effect on people," he said.

Based on initial findings, the DOST climate change project found a 3-percent rise in shallow-water temperatures off Lian, Batangas, from April to May last year—an increase not observed even during intense summers.

"Last May, it spiked to 31 degrees Celsius, while the normal range is 27 degrees to 29 degrees. For water, that's very high," said Maricar Samson, an environmental scientist from De La Salle University.

Such warm waters cause coral bleaching, which endangers ecosystems that could buffer vulnerable coastlines from storm surges, the team said.

"If you take care of the reef, it will be able to compensate for sea level rise. But if it is in poor condition, it will not be able to buffer, for example, storm surge. The increase in sea level will reach the shore," he said.

Such temperature rises, if observed every five years, would leave only 7 percent of the current coral reef population, Samson said. The same rise, if seen every 10 years, would leave only 11 percent.

In Botolan, Zambales, scientists found the coastline had receded significantly from 1977 to 2003.

"This has a big impact on coastal stability, such as reef systems and marine life, Samson stressed. "We're working on some projections in various parts of the country regarding what could happen," Samson said.



Mindanao watersheds in bad shape

By Kristine L. Alave

THREE MAJOR watersheds in Mindanao are in dire condition, which could affect food production in the region, according to a Department of Agriculture (DA) official.

Dr. Silvino Tejada, chief of the DA's Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM), urged the department and the local governments concerned to rehabilitate the watersheds in Lantapan, Lanao del Norte; Gigaquit, Surigao del Norte; and Maragusan, Agusan del Norte.

Tejada said the three watersheds support small-time farmers and help mitigate floods and landslides. The watersheds, with a total of about 22,000 hectares, are also a source of water for local residents.

"Climate change or weather occurrences like La Niña and El Niño have presented many challenges to the small farmers who rely on watersheds for many things like their water supply and protection from soil erosion. If a watershed is not in good condition, it would be impossible for it to support a farming community, especially with climate change and excessive rainfall caused by La Niña," Tejada said.

A BSWM survey showed that the soil and water resources of the [illegible] watershed in Maragusan had been "exploited beyond its capacity resulting in low productivity in various farm areas."

The two other watersheds were moderately [illegible], the survey found. The farmers near the watersheds also planted the wrong crops and used farming methods that harmed the soil.

If the watersheds were used properly, the farmers could grow high-value crops which would mean a higher income for them, the survey showed.

"Mindanao has always been called the land of promise but its potential, especially in agriculture, would only be realized if its watershed areas were rehabilitated and well-maintained," Tejada said.

He said the watersheds needed immediate intervention and the farmers needed to be taught the best crops to plant and proper organic and inorganic balance fertilization, and composting.

Science students urged to apply talent at home

CITING the country's "dire need" for researchers, the Science Education Institute (SEI) has called on students inclined toward science and technology to use their talents at home amid a continuing migration of professionals in the field.

The Philippines is lagging worldwide in terms of the availability of scientists and engineers, ranking 93 out of 139 nations, as shown in the latest Global Competitiveness Report by the World Economic Forum, according to Lenita Carro, SEI officer in charge.

"This is clearly reflected in a study SEI made in 2008 where it was shown that around 40 percent of our Filipino emigrants are S&T professionals," Carro said in a speech before top S&T students at the closing of the annual Science Project of the Year Awards of the Department of Science and Technology and Bank of the Philippine Islands.

She encouraged students taking science and technology courses to pursue post-graduate studies through government scholarships to replenish the country's diminishing pool of qualified researchers.

"I urge you to widen your horizons and pursue further studies," she said, adding that the DOST has several scholarships to offer.

"The brain drain we are experiencing may not be blinding us that much but we need to be proactive and ensure that the outflow of S&T professionals can be redirected by building the capacity of those who opt to stay and work in the country," Carro said.

Students at the forum called for more funding for research and development in science and technology citing the limited resources in schools.

The DOST has one of the smallest budgets of government departments, with only P[illegible] billion allotted for its operations this year, including operations of the weather and geological bureaus.

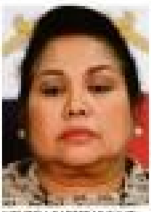
"There are problems when it comes to materials. There isn't much allotment. I really think that private organizations and the government should invest more in science and technology," said Kimberly Lauron, a biology major at University of San Carlos.

"I truly believe S&T will be the driving force that will lift our country. Look at other countries like Taiwan and Singapore. They developed through technology and education. And if they can do it, why can't we?" she said. Tarra Quismundo

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The long road to Balad

Saudi storekeepers in Balad shout "mara" to attract Pinoy buyers; many have learned to call us "pare." We've become part of the Kingdom...





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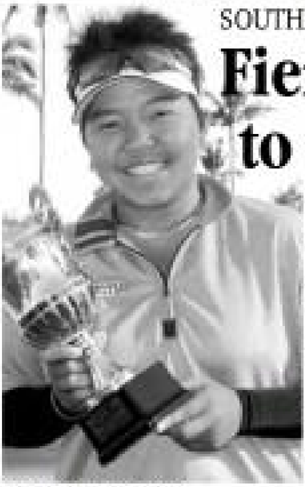
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Beth Celis

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Fiery Ikeda rallies to win by 4 points



IKEDA: I played my game, stayed relaxed

Patrombon hoping to crash Davis Cup team



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SPORTSWATCH

Bird race gets going

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Benitez eyes Toby's semis



VOLLEYBALL START

Slammers...



Fresh Fulham contract for Azkals goalie

By [illegible]

FILIPINO INTERNATIONAL Neil Etheridge has been offered a fresh deal that would keep him with English Premier League club Fulham.

The 20-year-old Etheridge, who arrived in Manila last night for the Philippines' AFC Challenge Cup duel with Mongolia, told the Inquirer that the proposed deal would run for a minimum of two years.

The deal, however, will be finalized when the [illegible] Etheridge returns to England after his international duty. The Azkals will play Mongolia on Wednesday at the Panaad Stadium in Bacolod City.

"I thank the club for keeping their faith in me. Getting a new contract has been my priority over the past year and it feels good that the club is trusting my abilities," the [illegible] Etheridge, whose current deal with the club ends in May, said. "I will negotiate with them when I get back."



ETHERIDGE

With Mark Schwarzer playing for Australia in the Asian Cup, Etheridge was elevated to the Fulham first team last month, but was unable to make an appearance as David Stockdale showed impressive form in goal for the Cottagers.

Etheridge, whose mother hails from [illegible], Tarlac, boosted his stock with a series of sensational performances for the Philippines during last year's AFF Suzuki Cup in Vietnam and Indonesia.

After making his international debut in the 2008 AFC Challenge Cup in Iloilo City, Etheridge has gone on to make 15 appearances for the country in the past three years.

Panaad stadium ready to shine

By [illegible], Inquirer [illegible]

BACOLOD CITY—The Panaad Park and Sports Stadium in Bacolod City, Negros Occidental, is all set for first leg of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Challenge Cup 2012 qualifier between the Philippines and Mongolia on Feb. 9.

Two floodlight panels needed for the night encounter will be held up by cranes due to lack of time to mount them on permanent structures, said Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) chair Richie Garcia.

Garcia said the transfer of two sets of floodlight panels from the Paglaum Sports Complex in Bacolod City to the provincial government-owned Panaad Sports Stadium for Wednesday's game will cost P2 million. Each panel has 22 floodlights.

He said the P2 million would be taken from the P8 million budget requested by the PSC from the Office of the President for Wednesday's match.

The budget request, however, was not approved yet.

After the game, the lights would be mounted on the permanent structures. To do that, another P2 million would be needed, but the amount would be paid by the provincial government.



SUPER BOWL

Q'backs, coaches share NFL limelight



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Cavs tie NBA skid mark

23-game losing streak equals Vancouver, Denver slide



All-Star weekend gets a dose of Love



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Pass your papers! Rolled-up Inquirer is anniversary race baton

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Jr. NBA goes full blast in Manila, 3 provinces



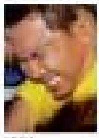
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Bodybuilder pleads for support



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Texters now geared for grand slam



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Aplus Metro




SENIOR Insp. Renato Apolinario shows the two medals of merit he received last month.

'I am just so grateful that I'm alive. Maybe it's not yet my time'

A cop could have run away from a dangerous situation, but he chose to fight a kidnap gang alone



By Tina G. Santos

SAVE for his scars, Senior Insp. Renato Apolinario's happy disposition gives no hint of the ordeal that nearly cost him his life.

Forgiven

Also policemen



Gov't to review plan to raise fares on commuter trains

By Paolo G. Montecillo

Tension grips barangay due to wrong house raid

By Tina G. Santos



'I am just so grateful that I'm alive ...'

Blind eye

Top awardee

New family planning policy in Manila urged

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Lim prodded on vow to make 'kuliglig' into a full tricycle

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A "KULIGLIG" along a major road in Manila

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The WORLD

Mubarak hangs on amid mass protests

CAIRO—Demonstrations against President Hosni Mubarak dragged into a 12th day on Saturday with no sign of an end to a confrontation which has pitted the 82-year-old leader against thousands of antigovernment protesters.



YOUNG demonstrator in Tahrir Square, Cairo

'Day of rage' for Syrians fails to draw protesters


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Businessmen urged to share their wealth

PBSP and PLDT chair Manuel V. Pangilinan

By Paolo G. Montecillo

THE WIDENING gap between the rich and poor calls for an equal, if not greater, response from local businesses to help raise the living standards of families at the "bottom of the pyramid."

The Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP), one of the country's biggest umbrella organizations for corporate charity work, has thus called on its members to ramp up efforts to spread the wealth and let it trickle down to those living below the poverty line.

Unique opportunity

The group's chair, Manuel V. Pangilinan, said the new government, under a president who enjoys record-high approval ratings here and abroad, presented an opportunity for the state, local companies and the international community to get together to bring about the social reform the country badly needs.

"A new government gives us new hope—the scope for public/private sector partnership in social development can be unprecedented and exceptional," Pangilinan said in a speech at the recent PBSP 40th anniversary celebration.

PBSP counts among its members some of the country's biggest companies like San Miguel Corp., Smart Communications and the Philippine Daily Inquirer.

> PBSP has succeeded in helping millions of people in the last 40 years

"PBSP's unique role is to work with the government, the private sector and foreign donors in pursuing our founders' mandate of [illegible] for development," according to Pangilinan, who also chairs PLDT.

Since it was founded four decades ago, PBSP has succeeded in helping millions of people, he said.

The group boasts of more than [illegible] projects in health, education, livelihood and environment. It also released P[illegible] billion in grants and donations that had been used to improve the lives of over [illegible] million people in the last 40 years.

"All throughout the country lies ample and tangible proof of our good work," he said.

During his speech, Pangilinan cited the example of [illegible], a [illegible] farmer who has been planting corn and potatoes since he was [illegible] years old.

With PBSP's help, [illegible] was able to switch to high-value crops, enabling him to build a house, send his kids to school and buy a vehicle that he uses for his business.

Volunteer

[illegible]

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"Poverty today has grown so large, and has become more complex, compared to what it was 40 years ago. Our response to it also has to change correspondingly," he said.

"Grants and donations must increase ... [enough] to make a difference."

The support which the global fund and the US Agency for International Development provide in combat tuberculosis in the last few years is "an outstanding example."





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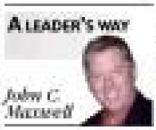


AT LEFT, Charlie Figueroa holds up the creation that bears his name. Above, vegetables and meat are wrapped in pita wedges.

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Sagada embraces key role as travel town



VISITORS know they're in Sagada because they have to register.



SAGADA mounts its first Etag Festival



AN AMERICAN and a Canadian visited Sagada last month for a taste of Etag, or smoked pork meat.



SAGADA has its own rice terraces.

By Desiree Caluza
Inquirer Northern Luzon

SAGADA, Mt. Province—Sagada attracts its fair share of tourists, but it remains a conservative town that tries to hide its rich heritage to control tourist arrivals.

This may soon change.

Last Jan. 29, Sagada mounted its first Etag Festival and the community of 3,600 households became more conscious of its role as a travel town.

Sagada receives 300,000 visitors each year, says Vice Mayor Richard Yodong, and last year, about 200 Europeans visited the town from July to September.

European trekkers and young college students make up Sagada's repeat visitors, who can't end a year without seeing Sagada's caves, terraces that grow red rice and hanging coffins that have been the town's symbols since the 1970s.



SOME of Sagada's attractions—like its orange orchard—are often taken for granted.

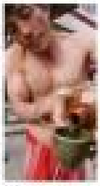
The town proper sees little of its guests during the day because many spend time inside the caves or up in the mountains, says Mary Carling, a Sagada resident.

She says they only turn up before the curfew starts at 9 p.m.

Aside from its natural attractions, Yodong says visitors also come to Sagada to enjoy the cool weather.

During the Etag Festival, many of the 400 tourists were shivering at 10 a.m. because the temperature had dropped to 8 degrees Celsius.

Given all its attributes, it will be only a matter of time before more tourists make the trip up north. And to accommodate them, Yodong says the government plans to build a 50-room hotel.



THE traditional 'gilgil' involves offering rice wine to tourists and guests.

The town also plans to put up convention halls and training centers because many visitors include professional groups looking for a quiet place to reflect.

The Department of Tourism lists about 100 available rooms that are leased out to visitors each year.

New inns have also sprouted around the small town, adding colorful names like Ganduyan Inn and Rock Inn to the established St. Joseph's Inn at the town center.

If the local government is unable to spend for a new hotel, Yodong says the town can tap financiers from outside Sagada to help raise the P30 million needed for the project.

"We want to talk to the residents here to accommodate tourists especially during peak season (which lasts from Christmas until Holy Week, much like the peak tourist season of Baguio City). We experience an overflow of tourists and there are those who even get mad because they could not find a place to stay," he says.

Not everyone, however, is upbeat about this growing Sagada trade.

Roger Bansiong, a local guide, cautions the local government against rushing into these programs without first addressing Sagada's resource limitations.

He says officials "should consult the community regarding its grand plan to build more hotels (because Sagada) is still dealing with problems (like) water supply, accommodations and sanitation."

He says the local government should be able to calculate how far it can open up the town without affecting the water supply of its residents.

Yodong says the local government is conscious of these concerns and it already has a solution. [illegible]

But Bansiong's real concern is development itself. "I love Sagada as it is. Sagada is a simple town. Its simplicity is its major attraction," he says. —*With a report from EV Espiritu, Inquirer Northern Luzon*

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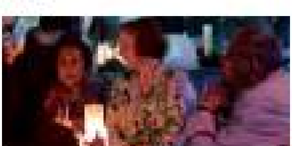












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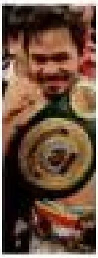
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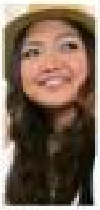


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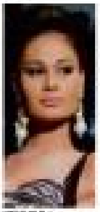
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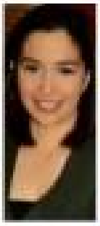
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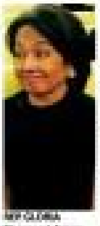
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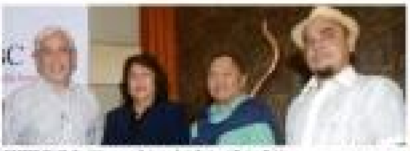
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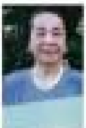
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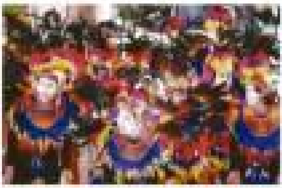
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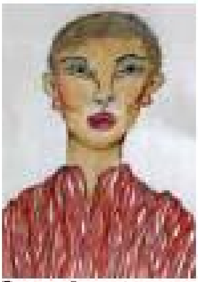
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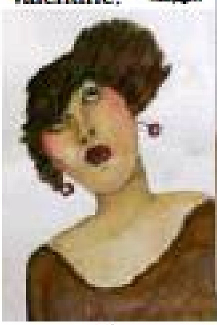
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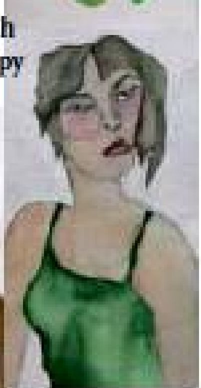


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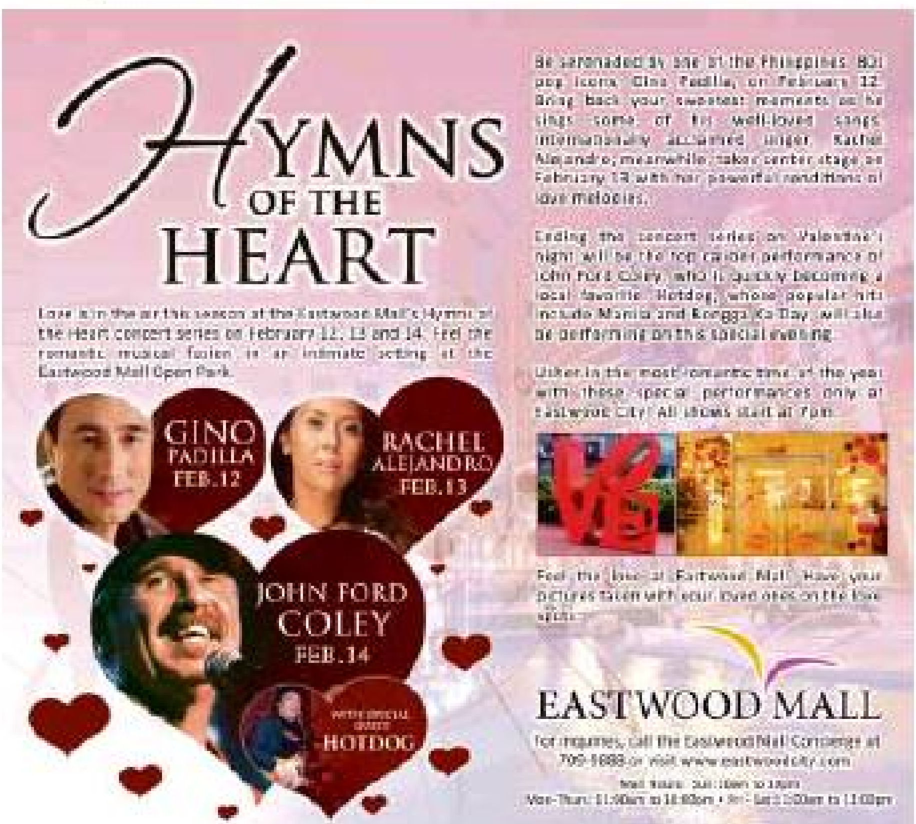


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In a sentence or two, couples say how their relationship has lasted

WE ASKED some of the country’s most interesting couples what has made their relationship last.









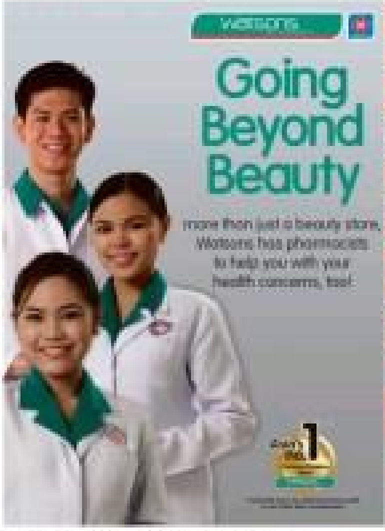


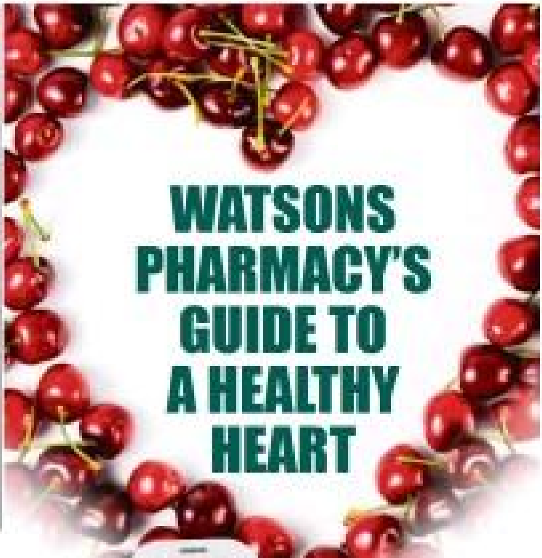












WATSONS PHARMACY'S GUIDE TO A HEALTHY HEART

Like most people, we tend to think of heart disease as an ailment that affects others. But heart disease is among major causes of death in the Philippines – the Department of Health reported over 43,000 fatalities in 2005 alone. It is also a major cause of disability.

There are many different forms of heart disease, the most common of which is the narrowing or blockage of the coronary arteries, the blood vessels that supply blood to the heart itself. [illegible]

Other problems may happen due to abnormal heart rhythms, or the heart may not pump well and cause heart failure. There are also heart valve and congenital heart diseases.



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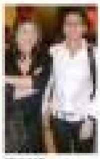


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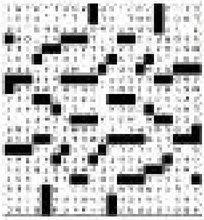


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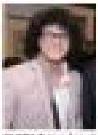


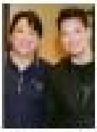


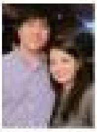
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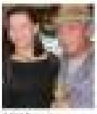


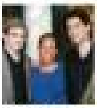










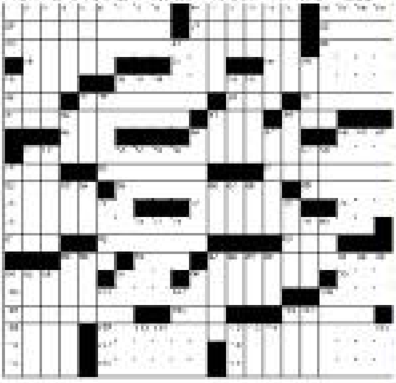


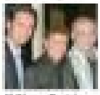
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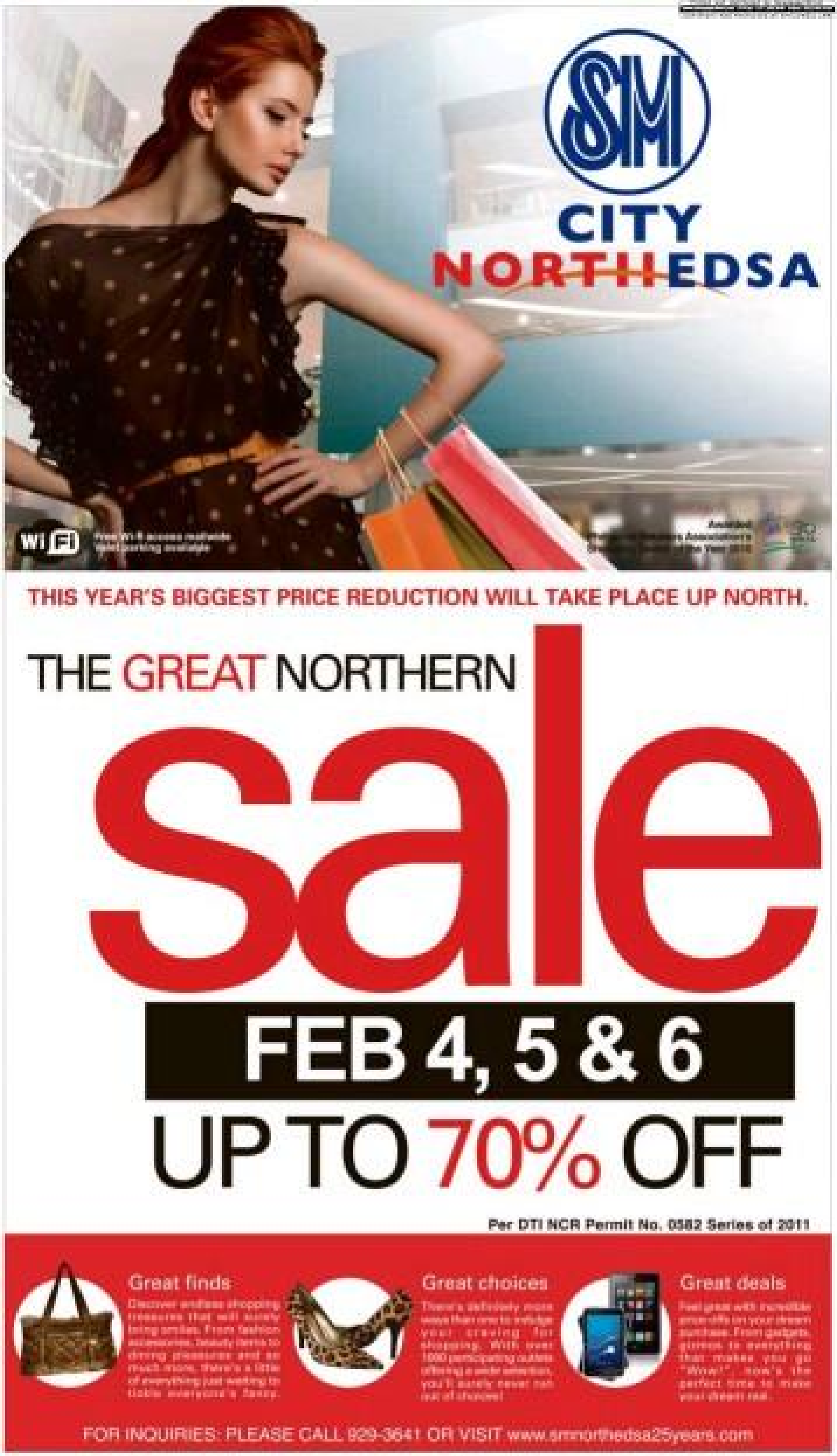
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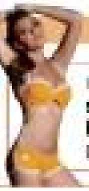
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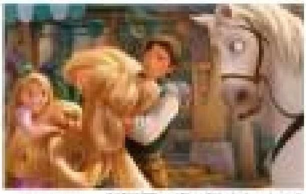
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